# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*
## *Office of the Governor*

***Whereas***, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for others, and each of these attributes can be ascribed to Don Hotchkiss, who is retiring after 40 years of commitment to public education; and,

***Whereas***, Don began his teaching and coaching career in Ipswich, South Dakota, where he served 12 years mentoring the children for the future; and,

***Whereas***, Don moved to Freeman, South Dakota, where he has served as the principal for 5 years and received a promotion serving as the superintendent for the past 23 years and currently holds this position; and,

***Whereas***, Don has devoted the past 40 years of his life to the betterment of others through the field of education and has positively impacted thousands of lives in his various leadership roles, and Don's favorite quote is from Napoleon "Nothing is as good or bad as it seems!"; and,

***Whereas***, On May 31, 2017, Don will retire to spend more time with his wife, Janice, and family; and,

***Whereas***, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan, and congratulate Don on his retirement:

***Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 31, 2017, as

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in South Dakota, and I join his family, friends, and colleagues in offering him best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

**Attest:**

Teresa J Bray, Deputy Secretary

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State